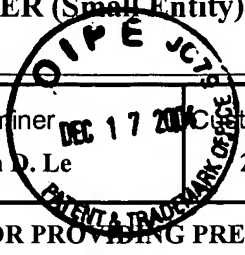


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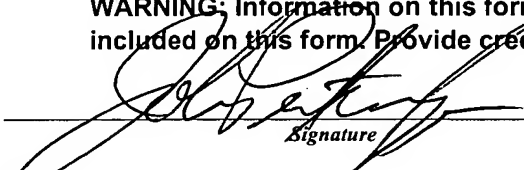
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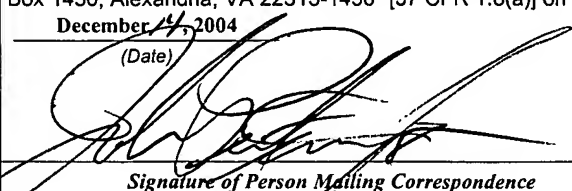


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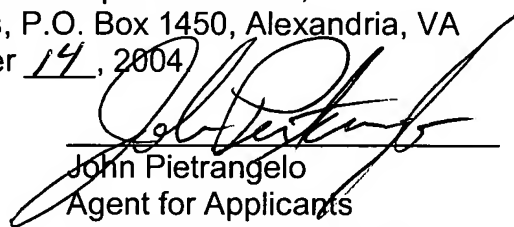
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RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION

Dear Sir:

Introductory Comments

This Response to Office Action is being submitted in reply to the Office Action mailed November 18, 2004 for the above-referenced application. Since this Response is being filed on or before December 18, 2004, this Response is being timely filed.

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Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of claims that begins on page 3 of this paper.

Remarks begin on page 14 of this paper.